



THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
NEW MINISTRY  
OF

THE REVEREND J. ROBERT ZIMMERMAN  
as  
RECTOR  
of

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - FRANKFORD  
PHILADELPHIA

THE VERY REVEREND NOBLE SMITH  
Dean of Pennypack

PRESIDING

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

May 19, 1977 - 8:00 P. M.

THE REVEREND DOCTOR ROBERT W. GOLLEDGE  
Vicar of Old North Church - Boston  
PREACHER

8:00 P.M. CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

PRELUDES:

"Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now" J. S. Bach

"Improvisation on Abryswyth" by John Glandorf

Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #347

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THE INSTITUTION:

Mr. Embery, Mr. Green, Mr. Spathelf, representing the Vestry, (standing before the Dean with the new Rector, say these words)

Dean Smith, we have come together today to welcome J. Robert Zimmerman, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of St. Mark's Church. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

The Letter of Institution will be read..

The Dean then says:

Robert, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

New Minister: I do

The Dean then addresses the congregation.

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Robert in this ministry?

People: We will.

The Dean standing, says:

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for Robert, their Priest and Rector.

THE LITANY (led by Canon John Crandall, The Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Pa. )

God the Father,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

We humbly pray that you will hear us, O Lord; and that you will send peace to the whole world, which you have reconciled to yourself by the ministry of your Son, Jesus.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will guide all in civil authority to establish justice and maintain it for all men,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will heal the divisions of your visible Church, that all may be one.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will grant to your People the forgiveness of sins, and give us grace to amend our lives.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will lead every member of your Church in his particular vocation and ministry to serve you in a true and godly life,

Lord, hear our prayer

That you will raise up able ministers for your Church that the Gospel may be made known to all people,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will inspire all Bishops, Priests and Deacons with your love, that they may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will fill them with compassion, and move them to care for all your people,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will bless your servant Robert, now to be inducted as Rector of St. Mark's Church, and pour your grace upon him, that he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this Ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will bless his family, and adorn them with all Christian virtues,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit you will sustain those who have been called to the ministry of your Church, and encourage them to persevere to the end,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we, with your blessed servant, St. Mark, and all your saints who have served you in the past, may be gathered into your unending kingdom,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.

The Dean stands and says:

The Lord be with you

And with Thy Spirit

Let us pray.



O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting.

Amen.

The Lesson: Acts 1:11

Pastor Paul Andell, St. James Lutheran Church  
Sequence Hymn #351 Sleepers Awake

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 24:49-53

The Sermon Dr. Golledge

The Induction

Representatives of the congregation and of the Clergy stand before the Dean with the new minister.

Pastor Andell, representative of the community churches presents a Bible, saying:

Robert, accept this Bible, and be in this community as one who proclaims the Word.

People: Amen.

The Dean presents a vessel of water, saying:

Robert take this water, and help the Bishop baptize in the Name of Christ.

People: Amen.

Miss Anna Mae Boswell, presents a stole, saying:

Robert, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People: Amen.

Powell Smith, presents a book of prayers, saying:

Robert, receive this book, and be among us as a man of prayer.

People: Amen

Dallas Hunter, presents a Lesson Book and says:

Robert, receive these Lessons and be among us as a teacher.

People: Amen

Miss Isabel Goddard, presents olive oil, saying:

Robert, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People: Amen

James Embery, Warden, now presents to him the keys of the Church, saying:

Robert, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People: Amen

Charles K. Kelbaugh, Rector, Emmanuel, Holmesburg, representing Clergy of the Diocese presents the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying:

Robert, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese and Deanery.

People: Amen

Harry Shuttleworth, Verger, presents history books , saying:

Robert, take these books that tell the history of our parish; continue in this good heritage, and be our leader as we hear the Word of God and celebrate the Supper of the Lord.

People: Amen .

The Dean then says:

Robert, let all these be signs of the ministry which is the Bishop's and yours in this place.

People: Amen.

The new Priest may then kneel in the midst of the Church, and say:

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

The Dean then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying:

Greet your new Rector.

People: We greet you and welcome you in the Name of the Lord. Amen

The new Minister then says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with Thy Spirit.

The new Minister then greets other members of the Clergy and guests. The people may greet one another.

#### THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

(all baptized persons, who accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome to receive Holy Communion)

OFFERTORY: O Praise Ye The Lord	Dale Wood
Sursum Corda & Preface	Prayer Book P 76
SANCTUS	Page 77 Willan
Prayer of Consecration,	Page 80
AGNUS DEI	Willan
Prayer after Communion (said together)	

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Robert may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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The Blessing

RECESSIONAL HYMN #352

POSTLUDE

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THE CONGREGATION is invited to re-  
main after the Service in the Parish  
House for an informal Reception,

WE WELCOME and "thank" all par-  
ticipants and guests who have shared  
this Service with St. Mark's Church.

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